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TO	Chief, WHD	MARKED FOR INDEXING	
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FROM	Chief of Station, JMWAVE	ONLY QUALIFIED HEADQUARTERS DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING	
SUBJECT	JMZP/KUCAGE/AMBUD/Operational Transmittal of PASSAVOY Reports	ABSTRACT	
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FYI. See below

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1. Under separate cover we are forwarding PASSAVOY reports No. 57 through 70.

2. No. 66 which concerns the "Letter to the Editor" was done at the request of C/CA/WH. Since we are not able to obtain on a regular basis copies of the newspaper in question, it is requested that Headquarters check the files of the paper beginning with 23 November and inform WAVE if the letter appears. AMBUD-1 would like to send it subsequently to local papers.

End of Dispatch

ATTACHMENTS

Memo Nos. 57 - 70 (2 ea.) (see)

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3 - Chief, WHD w/atts. (see) Herewith
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Attachment 6
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20 November 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD, No. 66

SUBJECT: Letter from Dr. MIRO Cardona to Toronto Star,
Relative Medical Aid to Cuba Committee

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter sent 22 November 1961, to the Toronto Star by Dr. Jose MIRO Cardona. Apparently he wrote and mailed the letter the same day that I proposed the matter to him as requested by WABA. The letter appears unchanged except for two or three small changes which I suggested he might prefer and which he agreed to.
2. Dr. MIRO's cooperation and immediate action typify his character and manner of operating.
3. I informed Dr. MIRO that I would advise him if we found in copies of the Toronto Star that his letter had been made public.

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Miami, November 22nd., 1961

Editor,
Toronto Star,
80 King Street, West
Toronto, Canada

Dear Sir:

Information has been received that a committee is circulating appeals to the Canadian people asking for contributions for drugs - to be sent to Cuba, implying that supplies have been cut off and - that the Cuban people cannot get such drugs because the United States refuses to purchase sugar. The committee is called the Medical Aid to Cuba Committee, Station B, P. O. Box 4, Toronto 2B, Ontario.

As a member of the Cuban exile community and one intimately informed of the situation in Cuba, I should like to set this matter straight and point out the fallacy of this supposedly humanitarian work which may be victimizing the Canadian people.

The hypocrisy of this appeal is evident to anyone who has studied the economic policies of the Cuban government, which prefers to put its available foreign exchange into the purchase of guns and tanks rather than into food and drugs for its people.

The alleged argument that the cutting off of sugar purchases - by the United States has prevented the purchase of drugs is fallacious since the Cuban Government boasts of its considerable sale of sugar to the Soviet Union which prides itself on its scientific progress. - With this foreign exchange available for Cuba, is the Soviet Union - unable, or is it unwilling to send drugs to Cuba?

Furthermore, President Kennedy has specifically stated that - there would be no total embargo placed on Cuba as he intended that food and medicines be sent to Cuba since he had no quarrel with the Cuban people but only with their Communist dominated government. There is ample exchange available to Cuba, for example from tremendous sales of tobacco to the United States. Moreover drugs are being sent to Cuba.

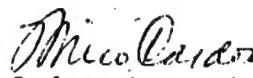
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Let our friends the Canadians not be victimized by this propaganda-type campaign but examine calmly and carefully the motives behind the appeals being made by the Medical Aid to Cuba Committee.

Sincerely yours,


José Miró Cardona
President of Cuban Revolutionary Council

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